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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re The Application of:)
Atle Hedloy)
Serial No.: 09/390,303)
Filed: September 3, 1999)
For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND)
COMPUTER READABLE ME-)
DIUM FOR ADDRESSING)
HANDLING FROM AN OPER-)
ATING SYSTEM)

Examiner: Apu M. Mofiz

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 8, 2002. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

7. (Amended) A computer system configured to perform the steps recited in any one of Claims 1-6.

8. (Amended) A storage medium storing a program for performing the steps recited in any one of Claims 1-6.

RESPONSE

This Amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 8, 2002. Claims 1-28 are in the application and have been rejected by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully traverses all objections.

At paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, paragraph 2 as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicant regards as his invention. The Examiner stated that it was unclear as to what is meant by the phrase "recited in one of claim 1-6." Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8 to be in a proper format by amending the above quoted language to read "recited in *any* one of claims 1-6." This format is noted as an acceptable form in MPEP §608.01(n). As amended, claims 7 and 8 are in acceptable claim format and therefore Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection.

At paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dickinson (United States Patent Number 5,732,229).

Claim 1, the only independent claim in the application, reads, in part, as follows:

using said record retrieval program to enter first information into
search fields provided in said record retrieval program

The Examiner states that Dickinson teaches this element in Figs. 2, 11 and 12, and in column 7, lines 40-46 and 65-67 and column 8, lines 1-19. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Dickinson does teach retrieving information from a remote host (publishing host), however Dickinson does not mention search fields anywhere within the patent. The sections of Dickinson cited by the Examiner do teach that the apparatus described will retrieve business cards; however, Dickinson states that “[w]hen an application seeks to retrieve a business card, as referred to by reference numeral 1102, corresponding business card object is initially solicited.” Dickinson thus includes language describing retrieval, but the description is based upon objects. No mention is made of the entering of first information into search fields, nor even of the existence of search fields in the invention taught by Dickinson. As Dickinson does not teach the claimed element of “using said record retrieval program to enter first information into search fields provided in said record retrieval program,” Dickinson does not anticipate the claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim is allowable.

Additionally, claim 2 includes the element of:

marking the second information found in the local information source as consistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second information associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote information sources

The Examiner cites Dickinson as anticipating this claim element in Figs. 2, 11 and 12 and in column 5, lines 12-25, column 7, lines 40-46 and 65-67 and in column 8, lines 1-19. However, Dickinson does not teach marking the second information if it is inconsistent with information found in a remote information source. Dickinson does teach, in column 9, lines 19-45, a method of updating inconsistent information, but does not teach the marking of in-

consistent information. Dickinson also teaches, beginning on column 7, line 66 through column 8, line 20, a method for retrieving information from a remote source if the information is not stored locally. However, these teachings do not included the claimed element of marking inconsistent information when it is found both locally and remotely. Thus, claim 2 is not anticipated by Dickinson under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

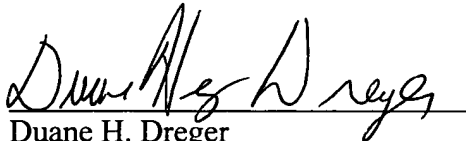
Claims 2-28 depend on claim 1 or other intermediate claims depending on claim 1. Thus these claims are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable base claim.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-28 on nonstatutory double patenting grounds based upon United States Patent Number 6,323,853. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and state that an appropriate terminal disclaimer will be filed once allowable subject matter is indicated by the Examiner.

All claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully urges the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this application.

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